

National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey



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This hospital participated in the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS) (described below). Protected health information of any particular individual may or may not have been disclosed for this research activity.

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Purpose

CDC's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) is charged with measuring the amount and nature of health services provided in the United States. As part of this mission, NCHS conducts NHAMCS. The study collects information about the ambulatory care that is provided by hospital emergency departments. The resulting published statistics will help hospital staff and other medical professionals plan for more effective health services, determine health care workforce needs, improve medical education, and assist the public health community in understanding the epidemiology of diseases and health conditions that affect Americans.

Description

This document provides documentation that information from a sample of visits to this hospital emergency department was used for NHAMCS. Information pulled may have included:

- Patient's medical record number, patient characteristics (for example, residential ZIP code and birth date)
- Information about the hospital visit (for example, referral status, visit date, and if they are a new or returning patient)
- Various visit characteristics (for example, diagnosis and medications prescribed)

Other than the medical record number, no other directly identifiable information was removed from the records during data collection. The information collected will be used to generate statistical summaries.

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